



PROGRESS REPORT NO. 73

TO: Dr. Laura Buelow – U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) - via Email

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RE: Upper Columbia River (UCR) Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study
(RI/FS) - Progress Report No. 73 Month Ending July 2012

Pursuant to Paragraph 39 of the June 2, 2006 Settlement Agreement (Settlement Agreement), the following is intended to provide a summary of activities completed during the past month in compliance with the aforementioned Agreement. It is also intended to provide a brief summary of pending and on-going activities.

A draft final version of the quality assurance project plan for the Phase 2 Sediment Study was submitted for EPA's review and approval on the 25th of July. Cultural review of proposed sediment sampling locations (including reserve stations) was conducted on August 7th by the Cultural Resources Working Group. Based on this review, 12 stations were relocated by EPA and the Department of Ecology. At the time of writing, the National Park Service continues to review and evaluate positioning of two proposed sediment sampling locations. Upon receiving written confirmation from EPA confirming that sediment sampling locations have been reviewed and cleared by the Cultural Resources Working Group, TAI will be in a position to submit all permit applications to carry-out Phase 2 sediment sampling activities. TAI has initiated discussions with the Government of Canada to ensure that proposed reference sediment samples located in Canada can be collected; field planning activities have been initiated. Further to TAI's July 3rd request, an explanation of how split samples (to be provided to the U.S. Department of the Interior) would be used to inform the RI/FS and a copy of the associated draft quality assurance project plan has not yet been received.

Comments on the draft surface water data summary report (November 2010) have been received and pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, a draft final version will be submitted for EPA's review and approval no later than August 31, 2012.

At the time of writing, definitive timelines for the submission of draft reports associated with white sturgeon toxicity studies have not been determined. TAI will continue to work

cooperatively with EPA in evaluating and determining appropriate schedules for the submission of the aforementioned draft reports.

Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 509-623-4585.